

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of an Office Action from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and this AMENDMENT is filed in response thereto. In that Office Action, Claims 1-5 were pending, Claims 6-14 having previously been cancelled.

The examiner objected to Claim 1 because of one informality. It was his position that "a need for any adjunct equipment" at lines 26-27 may be rewritten as --a need for an additional adjunct equipment-- because the word "any" has an alternate meaning that does not positively identify the claimed limitations.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). It was the examiner's position that those claims were unpatentable, given the teachings of United States Patent No. 6,363,138 (Aprile), in view of United States Patent No. 5,161,180 (Chavous).

In response to the action taken by the examiner, Applicant has hereby amended Claim 1. Wherein the initiator was previously defined as precluding a need for any adjunct equipment in the emergency system, language has now been inserted to define the preclusion of a need for adjunct equipment in the emergency system as relating to equipment which corresponds with the initiator. This is not to say that there can be a requirement for adjunct equipment in the emergency system which does not correspond with the initiator. The added language merely is intended to focus upon the invention.

With respect to the rejection under § 103(a), Applicant hereby asserts that the combination of Aprile and Chavous does not suggest an emergency message processor, which includes an initiator for implementing transmission into the emergency system of at least some of the indicia maintained by the local communications network information storage unit, defining a transmission source implementing transmission under emergency circumstances. The Aprile document describes only an "ALI informational tool". That

reference does not interface with a PBX/MLTS at the time a 9-1-1 call is initiated. The structure of Aprile does not support or facilitate the 9-1-1 call initiation by providing the correct indicia associated with the 9-1-1 call that is required by the emergency system.

The apparatus of Aprile merely loads information into a record that is possibly to be extracted at a later date. It does not, however, solve the problem of getting an emergency call to the right place. Nor does it help to get the call, once it is at the right location, to be associated with the correct information.

The present invention, on the other hand, drives the system. It allows a PBX or multi-line telephone system to operate and utilize an existing 9-1-1 system.

The Chavous reference, on the other hand, does provide for implementing transmission into the emergency system of at least some of the indicia. This is, however, not accomplished without any adjunct equipment in the emergency system, corresponding with the initiator, being necessary.

Nor is Applicant aware of any prior art which teaches implementing transmission into the emergency system of at least some of the indicia, defining a transmission source implementing transmission under emergency circumstances, without a need for any adjunct equipment corresponding to the initiator in the emergency system. It is sincerely believed, then, that this application patentably distinguishes the invention hereof over all prior art of record. Every prior art reference of which Applicant is aware requires a piece of corresponding adjunct equipment in the emergency system for a structure to function properly.

Claims 2-5 are dependent, either directly or indirectly, upon Claim 1. As such, they incorporate therein all of the limitations of Claim 1 and are patentable on the same basis as is Claim 1.

In view of the action taken by this document and the arguments

offered in support of patentability of the case, as amended, it is sincerely believed that this application is now allowable. Allowance of the application and passing of the matter for issuance of allowance documents are, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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